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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Radio's Service to the China Mail.)

SOVIET RUSSIA STANDS FAST

BUT IS ANXIOUS TO TRADE WITH US.

COPENHAGEN, December 4.
The conference between Mr. O'Grady and Mr. Litvinoff continues to-day. Mr. O'Grady having received the instructions of the British Government, Mr. Litvinoff made a lengthy statement to Reuters, reiterating that the Bolsheviks desire peace, and have anxiety to enter into economic relations with Britain and America. He opined that the problem of the exchange of prisoners is insoluble without peace. He said he had circularised the allied legations at Stockholm offering peace. He declared there was no intention of departing from the Soviet system nor of convoking the national assembly.

RESTRICTED BUSINESS AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, December 4.
Owing to a coal shortage of suburban trains, which have been halved, the department stores are closed twice weekly, and the theatres once. Business generally is limited to four and a half hours daily.

MACKENSEN HOME AGAIN.

BERLIN, December 4.
Mackensen has arrived and was popularly acclaimed. He was received with military honours by Falkenhayn, Ludendorff, and the War Ministry representative at the station.

CHINESE MAY BE OBTAINED.

ENCYCLICAL BY THE POPE.

ROME, December 4.
The Pope has published an encyclical recommending the ordination of native clergy and the creation of native seminaries in catholic mission centres; also urging missionaries to abstain from racial and national struggles. The encyclical further recommends the study of colonial sciences and native languages, for which special professors will be appointed to Rome institutions.

A LLOYD GEORGE SPEECH.

LONDON, December 7.
[The first section of this message is not yet to hand.]
utter a word in unkindness against him. Party strife in America had resulted in jeopardising the peace and endangering the League of Nations in the country which took the most prominent part in promoting it. He asked wasn't this a warning that we were not through the wood? Germany thought she would be able to take advantage of these differences in America. The Premier declared he was still a Free Trader. Proceeding, he outlined the legislation passed by the Coalition as evidence of what the so-called reactionary government had done for progress. He hoped yet to make a successful contribution to the Irish question. He pointed out that the Unionists were prepared to make great sacrifices in order to preserve national unity. It was useless to discuss problems of Irish liberty when crime and anarchy were still rampant. He denied that Free Trade was inseparable from "dumping," which, on the contrary, injured Free Trade. The government had been asked to divide the nation in the face of a vigilant enemy, in order to unite the Liberals on the question of German "dumping."

GERMAN REPLY TO ALLIED NOTE.

DENIES TOO MANY SOLDIERS.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.
The Allied note with reference to armaments demands the cessation of the formation of bodies outside the actual army, like the public security police, the volunteer guard, and the citizens' guard, as a violation of the peace treaty. The note particularly demands that steps be taken to ensure that when the treaty comes into force the so-called police troops will be reduced to the strength provided in the treaty and given the constitution of a real local police force. A semi-official German statement on the note asserts that the reduction of the army to the stipulated 200,000 is in full swing, and declares the Allies were notified months ago of the necessity for forming the afore-mentioned defence guards to maintain order. It regrets that questions of detail were not discussed by the Allies as Germany suggested. It concludes that the question how far they conflict with the treaty, which the German government denies, must be cleared up after the control commissions provided for by the treaty are established.

SPORTS.

ORIOKT.

C.S.C.C. 2nd v. R.G.A.

To be played on Civil Service ground on Saturday next, commencing 2.15 p.m. Team: W. Hill (capt.), R. T. Taylor, S. E. Alderman, E. T. E. T. Crocker, H. E. Strange, G. H. Haskett, H. W. Sandford, D. Lyon, R. Bearne, A. K. Mackenzie and G. P. Knight.

L.R.C. v. C.R.C.

The following will represent the L.R.C. in their league match against the C.R.C., playing at home on Saturday at 2 p.m.—A. H. Rumjahn (Captain), G. C. Earle, N. M. Bux, A. el Arcall, D. Rumjahn, A. A. Rumjahn, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, E. A. Moosdeen, and M. B. Sufian.

POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

A Chinese woman who was this morning charged before Mr. Wood with the possession of 62 taels of non-Government opium, pleaded that it was given her by an unknown man to carry. She could not find him. The Police said the woman was searched on the Hau Tak wharf by the female searcher at 6 p.m., yesterday and the opium was found tied round her waist. Sentence of \$500 fine or 3 months' hard labour was passed.

ROBBED AFTER ARRIVAL.

While returning home in a chair after his arrival from Canton at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, Mr. Tong Kan Chau, living at No. 15 Seymour Terrace, was robbed of his hand-bag and money to the total value of \$122.00. He reported to the Police that when he was going up Blake Gardens in a chair, two men appeared and ordered the chair coolies to lower the chair. His hand-bag was then laid hold of and \$122.00 was taken. The men disappeared.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

THE TRIAL OF THE EX-KAISER.

LONDON, December 4th.
The Attorney-General, speaking at Pontypridd, declared that no dissensions or watering existed as regards the proposed trial of the ex-Kaiser. The law officers continued very careful and extensive preparations. Over 50,000 written statements regarding the prosecution of war criminals were being examined.

GENERAL VILLA CAPTURED.

NEW YORK, December 4th.
The Associated Press has received a telegram from Juarez that General Villa has been captured by a force of his own men, who are holding him for reward.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, December 4th.
In the Assembly, Herr Erzberger explained the financial programme under which it is projected to levy income tax on a sliding scale of from 10 to 60 per cent., a tax on capital revenues of 10 per cent., and a general levy yielding \$18,000,000 marks.

EXCHANGE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 4th.
There was another violent break in exchange, starting and falling to fresh low levels. List also declined. Business in sterling has been enormous. Numerous transactions have been made each of \$100,000.

LONDON TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, December 4th.
A Martinsyde machine piloted by Capt. Howell left Hounslow for Australia at ten this morning, for the prize of \$10,000 offered by the Commonwealth Government.

RUMANIA.

PARIS, December 4th.
The Supreme Council has granted Rumania six days' prolongation to reply to the Allied Note.

LAST OF THE BAZAAR.

The Bazaar Committee of the S.C. acknowledge with thanks the following further donations and prizes towards the Bazaar held last Sunday:—
Mr. H. Tsuda, \$20.
Mr. E. Ralphs, \$10.
Dr. Gomes, \$100.
Mr. Choy Hing, \$15.
Pupils of St. Joseph's College, \$20.
Mr. L. Tobias, \$50.
Mr. Ishmael Chan, gramophone records.
Miss Wildin, Jardinieres, etc.
Taikoo Sugar Refinery, Cube sugar.
China Sugar Refinery, Cube sugar.
Hing Wah Paste Co., noodles, macaroni, etc.
Hongkong Cigar Store, cigars.
Misses Osmund, parcel of assorted articles.
Hop Cheong, blackwood frames, small teakwood bed, chairs, etc.
Mrs. Purves, six plum puddings.
Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co., assortment of toys, etc.
Miss L. Remedios, 1 cradle, 1 perambulator, 8 dressed dolls.
Cheung Hing Store, 3 ornaments.
Sun Co., toys.
Sincere Co., toys.
Gande Price & Co., 1 case whisky.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Noronha, various valuable articles.
Messrs. Wiseman & Co., cakes for tea room.
Victoria Cafe, cakes for tea room.
Alexandra Cafe, cakes for tea room.
Dairy Farm, milk for tea room.
Mrs. Jordan desires to thank M. de Journal, M. Reau, Mrs. Clarke, Sir Paul Charter, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Dr. Koch, Mr. Bird, and Mr. Jenkin for kind donations; also Mme. Lily for a bead bag to be raffled, and Mme. Flint for cakes for the tea room.

A LESSON FROM HISTORY.

"Water-drinking races have been, and still are, under the rule of harder drinking and more energetic races," says Mr. Andre L. Simon, in his connoisseur's text book, "Wine and Spirits." His review of the past is that "Times out of mind kings or prophets have decreed that the vine should be uprooted and wine forsaken; only twice have such orders been carried out, once in the seventh century at the bidding of Mahomed, and another time in the fourteenth century in China. In each case the result has been the same." In China, once an immense and flourishing vineyard, the home of refinement and of all the arts, the people, deprived of alcohol, sought a substitute; poppy fields replaced the vineyards, and opium killed the artistic genius, the lively imagination, and unparalleled industry of a race which, under the gentle influence of wine, had attained a high degree of civilisation at a very early date.

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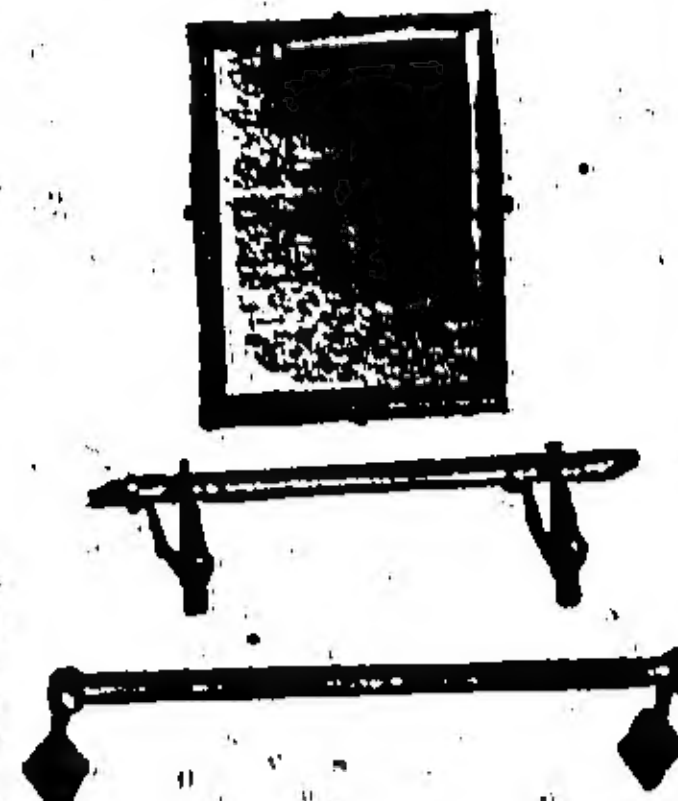
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the first ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th December, 1919, at 11.30 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the 14 months ending 30th September, 1919, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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A discovery which, if further tests prove it to possess the properties claimed for it, will be one of overwhelming importance, was laid before several Nottingham gentlemen. The article in question is a new motor fuel, produced by mixing a mysterious compound with water. What that compound is remains at present the secret of the discoverer, a South American chemist named Andrade, of Portuguese extraction; but while it in no sense resembles petrol, it is much more powerful, and, so the discoverer avers, can be produced at one-seventh of the price now demanded for petrol in this country.

A Nottingham Guardian reporter (the only Press representative) was present at the test which took place at the residence of Alderman Ball, father of the late Captain Albert Ball, V.C. the airman, in The Park. Several gentlemen were present, including two Nottingham experts in motor engineering and industrial chemistry.

The inventor, who motored to Nottingham, carried with him a black kit bag containing bottles and cans, and with them he retired a few yards into a corner of Mr. Ball's lawn, but remaining within full view of the spectators. First, however, Mr. Ball's chauffeur took him a bucket half filled with water, and applied a match; it burst with a high, clear, bright flame for some minutes, and without any smoke. Some, which was next poured into a tin dish; burnt in the same way, and left not the minutest sediment.

An adjournment was then made to the garage, for the more important part of the test. First, Mr. Ball's chauffeur emptied the petrol tank and carburettor of Mr. Ball's own car, and wiped them absolutely dry. Under the direction of Andrade, who now confined himself to the role of looker-on, he poured the liquid from the bucket into the petrol tank, added a quantity of water, and Mr. Ball, accompanied by one or two of the party, went for a trial spin. The car travelled beautifully, and—fortunately there was no policeman in sight—there seemed no limit to its speed power.

A previous test has shown, it is

JAPANESE IN CHINA.

The following letter was in the Star.—With the continued interference by the Japanese in the rights of the Chinese in the latter's own country, I am concerned at what appears to be lassitude of interest shown by the foreigners in this question.

You receive many letters dealing with all sorts of lesser questions, but I see not one upon what is a most serious matter, and if allowed to continue without protest and possibly interference, may lead to grave complications for the white foreigners in China, apart from the future menace to their trade and freedom.

Which European nation, in days before the great war, would have dared to land armed marines in a foreign state even though two persons had been unfortunately killed?

What other country would have attempted to land an armed force under circumstances similar to those at Foochow?

Where is the so-called protection of the weaker nations by the greater since the League, (which was to bring the millennium) has been formed?

Let this be an appeal to all other foreigners in China to remain very wide awake to the fact, that matters in connection with the Japanese in this country are arriving at a serious stage.

In silence I believe that most of the white people in China view with distrust and repugnance the actions of the Japanese, and it is surely the proper time publicly to denounce and protest against her encroachments against the open door and many other good policies.

Whilst posing as a friend, in her behaviour towards the Chinese, she should act as one.

Let those—says the Guardian representative—who participated, that from thirty to forty miles can be run on a gallon of the mixture, and that this can be made for 5d. a gallon.

The discoverer, who speaks rather broken English, with an American accent, is accompanied by two of three Americans, one of whom, a lawyer, he has brought with him to watch his legal interests on this side, but no one except himself knows the composition of the stuff, which he expects will revolutionise all forms of spirit-propelled transport.

Incidentally, says the Nottingham Guardian it may be wondered why, if the process is so valuable, it should have been brought to England instead of being exploited in America. One explanation given is that petrol is nothing like so dear in the western hemisphere as it is here, and that consequently the discovery of a substitute over there would not be of so much importance as here. There are other explanations, into which it is not necessary to enter, but on the face of them they are not improbable.

OPENED LETTER

MINISTRY RULE
POVIDENCE.

In the Times personal column recently appeared the following announcement:—
Wing-Commander Ranken desires to inform his correspondents that his letters to him at this office are being opened under a M. of M. Order, and the addition of the words Private, Personal, or the act of sealing or registration is not necessarily a protection.

He will be glad to receive letters at his private address.
Interviewed on the above matter by a Daily Chronicle representative, the assistant secretary of the Ministry of Munitions said:—Under an official standing order, dated May 8 1919, all correspondence addressed to an officer is opened in the registry, unless the envelope is marked "Personal." As there are about 10,000 persons employed in the Ministry, it is, of course, quite possible that by inadvertence specially marked letters may be opened. There is certainly no Ministry of Munitions order that such letters shall be opened. In the ordinary course they are sent, unopened, to the person addressed.

WOULD IT PAY?

A gentleman whose business interests are in the Dutch East Indies says he is rather disappointed to find in Sheffield and Birmingham a general indifference to the demand which exists in the East for the cheap class of wares that the Germans used to manufacture in bulk. He tells us, for instance, that he could not find a single manufacturer who was willing to undertake the mass production of the "little mirror box" for which there is an inexhaustible demand among the natives. Germany used to pour this kind of goods in thousands into the Eastern markets, and did very well out of it. This may or may not be indicative of a belief among our manufacturers that they should confine their activities to providing the better class of article, leaving the Germans to the cheap manufacture; but it is clear that they can never have a more promising opportunity of capturing this trade. Our informant, who has just completed a tour of the industrial north, was particularly pleased with the fact that most of the manufacturers with whom he came into contact were eager to allocate a portion of their output to the overseas markets.—Times Trade Supp.

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WM. HENDERSON, Sgt., Hon. Secretary.
Central Police Station.
Hongkong, November 24, 1919.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
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Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

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TOURNAMENT.

CITY HALL, SATURDAY,
DECEMBER, 13TH, 1919.
AT 9.15 P.M.

1.—Fifteen-round Contest for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony.
Between Sergt. SKY KERRISON, R.N.V.C. (Holder), and Stoker EDDIE WALTERS, H.M.S. Hawkins (Challenger).

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Between "Peggy" EVANS, H.M.S. Hawkins (ex-Middleweight Champion of Mediterranean and Seaman HEWITT, H.M.S. Hawke).

3.—Eight-round Featherweight Contest.
Between NEAL, Kowloon Torpedo Depot, and Officer Steward DANIEL, H.M.S. Ambrose.

4.—Six-round Flyweight Contest.
Between Boy FLUSH, H.M.S. Hawkins, and Boy COLLEN, H.M.S. Hawkins.

5.—Six-round Middleweight Contest.
Between Sergeant ROGERS, Wiltshire Regiment, and Seaman WILLOUGHBY, H.M.S. Hawkins.

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Between Private WOODWARD, Wiltshire Regiment, and Seaman O'SHEA, H.M.S. Corlie.

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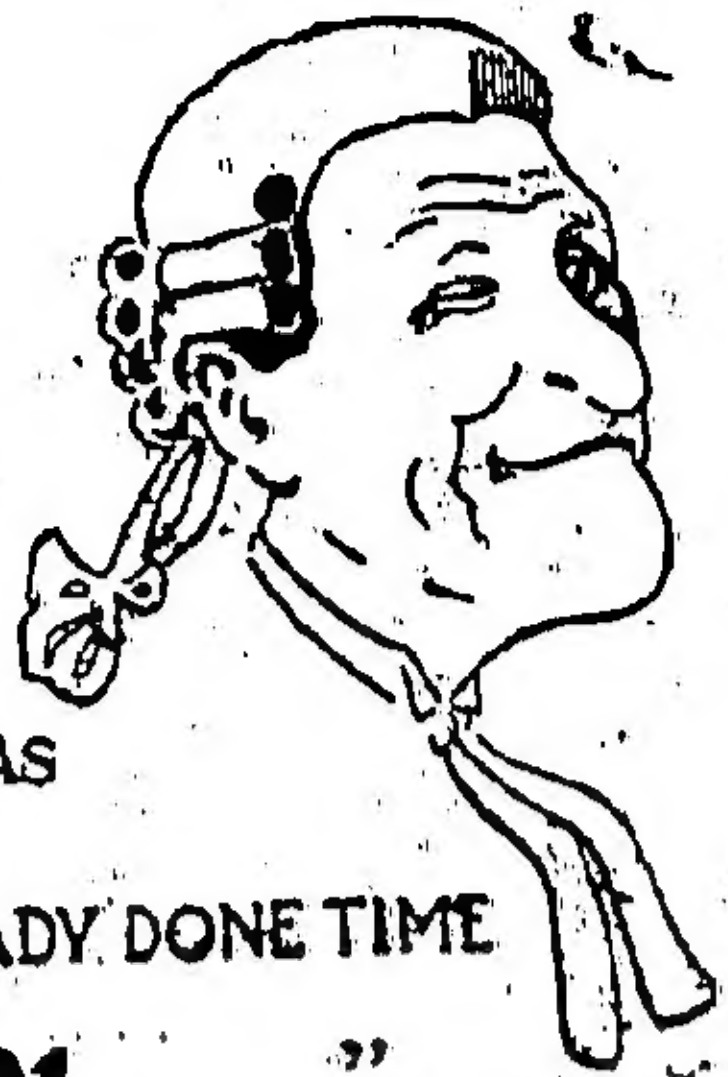
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10, 1919.

ADVERSARIA.

"They told us the war
was fought to make
the world safe for
democracy." Hong-
kong isn't safe yet,

and though you might not think it,
it is part of the world. When the
new police began their agitation for
higher pay, and showed that they
had a genuine case, we understand
they were told that if they didn't like
the terms they could go home again;
that "the Government" does not
want discontented men in its service.
Even a bluffing promise to investi-
gate would have seemed more demo-
cratic than that. If "the Govern-
ment" doesn't want discontented
men in its service, and if it thinks the
proper answer to the first show of
discontent is to tell 'em to go home,
why didn't it tell the higher-up Civil
Servants to go home when they
agitated. It didn't, you know. It
appointed a Commission of Enquiry,
and later on Councillor Shewan was
quite eloquent about their claims.
We look to him to say something
strong about this police grievance at
the next Legislative Council meeting.
Both police and cadets are govern-
ment servants, and both are discon-
tented for like reasons. What is
good for one should do for the other.

A young lady was
interviewed by a Lon-
don journalist about
jazz dancing, modern
clothes and manners,
etc. It makes good reading. Her
most interesting comment was about
the modern skimpiness of feminine
attire. She said: "That's what
modern clothes represent—vigorous
bodies enjoying a sense of freedom.
Why can't people realize it's that,
and not a craze for immodesty?
Immodesty—stuffs! Girls, on the
whole, don't trouble their heads
about it. They're in advance of men
there. If men would not worry
about what they call decency, nobody
would notice." She was quite
right there. Men are much more
prudish and prurient. They don't

know it, but the basis of their pre-
judice is the jealousy that is left over
from the old proprietorial instinct. It
isn't concern for decency, as they
think, but the desire for the seclusion
of the harem. T.W.H. Crosland, who
got notoriety some years ago by two
slight books abusing the Scots and
women, remarked that woman should
be kept in a hut at the bottom of
the garden. He may have thought
he had said something funny. As a
matter of fact he was unconsciously
voicing the deep-down aspiration of
many old-fashioned males.

We gave up golf years
ago, when it became
too common. (Our
record at the Royal
Jersey, Vardon's native links, must
be still remembered. We went the
complete round, including the sandpit
near the railway, in 74.321, a greater
number of strokes than any other
player ever managed to get in. Our
caddie, Valpe, said so.) Consequently
we don't profess to know more
about it than Mr. Dodwell. All the
same, when in his lecture he was
describing the swing, what did he
mean by saying that "the axis
around which this circle revolves is
an imaginary steel bar" driven
through your head and body trans-
fixing you to the ground as you
address the ball? Does he swing
his club horizontally like a scythe?
If not, how can a horizontal steel
bar go down through his head and
body into the ground? As Goethe
said on his death bed, we want "licht,
mehr licht!"

There are two
quite probable
reasons for Capt.
McGrath's continued failure to send
us any Government House news
(Court Circular stuff). One is that
there isn't any to send. The other
is that every time we go for him he
chuckles and buys twenty copies
of a newspaper. When we said the other
day that the British love liberty, while
the Americans only praise it, that
was a "josh." We did think we

It isn't only at golf one
TEMPTER. It isn't only in any sport
that it is as important as Mr. Dodwell
said it was. It is a good thing to
keep at all times, at a dinner, at a
wedding, yes—even when reading a
newspaper. When we said the other
day that the British love liberty, while
the Americans only praise it, that
was a "josh." We did think we

were safe with Americans, who know
what a "josh" is. But one lost his
temper. Our own countrymen, we
are ashamed to say, continually get
"sore" over things they should
smile at. If they cannot acquire a
sense of humour they should try for
a thicker skin. We remember nearly
30 years ago noticing in Volunteer
Orders an instruction to be shaved
and have the hair cut. That was the
time when the current catchword
fitted, and we couldn't resist the
temptation to give it the
headline, "Get yer hair cut." The
Captain was furious, and gave orders
(all same Government House news)
that the Orders must not be issued to
our paper any more. Naturally, in
our next issue we had to have the
related phrase, "Keep your hair on."
Paternal vanity has always persuaded
us that was neat; but it
aggravated the soreness. We were
a parish for years because of it. We
simply cannot understand why men
lose their tempers over such piffles.
The persons ought to preach about
it; but they don't. They seem to
leave all the practical sermons for us
to do.

Hongkong may have
"WHEN THE HOME FIRES
BOYS COME BURNING, but the coal
HOME." is poor, and the
darned thing smokes.
Those who risked their lives for us,
and who are now back in our midst,
have learned the truth of Kipling's
old jibe—that about darling Mister
Atkins when the guns began to shoot,
and Tommy, you brute, when the
shooting is over. So far beyond a
gracious invitation to a Government
House reception at which they
were kindly allowed to wear any
clothes they liked, not a thing has
been done to show them we are ob-
liged to them. At one club we are
connected with, we proposed that
members returned from the war
should be made honorary members
for life. It would have been a small,
cheap compliment; but Lord! you
should have seen the faces of the
committee. They were old Hong-
kongites—which means everything
ungrateful and thoughtless. Well,
the next time there's a strife on,
these fellows will be justified in let-
ting George do it, that's all. If it is
any consolation to our Hongkong
warriors, they are welcome to the
information that some of their com-
rades at Home had even worse to
bear. They have lost their jobs, and
nobody wants them.

Readers have now got
THIS BEATS the habit of sending
us little odds and
ends they think we
ought to comment on. Sometimes
they send a book, sometimes a
paper clipping, sometimes a short
memorandum of some incident they
have noticed. Naturally, we approve
of this procedure. It helps, and we
are much obliged. Sometimes, how-
ever, we fail to see the joke. One
sent us today a quotation from the
Morning Post, and expects us to "say
something funny" about it. Our
contemporary has a telegram which
says, of war devastated France, that
"sixty thousand of the 50,000 houses
wrecked by shell-fire have been
rebuilt." But that is only a simple,
obvious misprint such as occurs in
all newspaper offices from time to
time. It betrays no intellectual aber-
ration demanding criticism; and it
isn't funny. At least, if it is, we
cannot see it.

The public will be
pleased if our re-
porter's news is true,
that the Government is now prepared
to meet the policemen in the matter
of pay. Naturally, they will be re-
luctant to admit that they were wrong
in their first attitude, and it would be
agonising for them to have to say
that the China Mail was right, so we
will not embarrass them by saying
any more about it. We don't want
those 26 good men to go home. We
need them here, and we need them
badly.

KINEMA NOTES.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

The new programme for this week
has just been issued in which the
Vivograph Coy present the thrilling
drama "The Combat" in five parts
featuring the popular actress Anita
Stewart. The incidents in this drama
are such that will keep the audience
in continued expectations and inter-
est. This film will be screened
this afternoon at 5.15 and at 9.15
at night and will run on till next
Friday, when William Fox's produc-
tion "The Slave" in five parts will
be staged on Saturday till Tuesday
next. In this magnificent play Miss
Valeska Suratt takes the leading part
with exceptionally dramatic im-
personification of high class acting.
During all the performances at 7.15
p.m., the continuation of the subse-
quent episodes of the serial film
"Brass Bullet" will be given with
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RUSSIAN REFUGEES IN SHANGHAI.

A CALL FOR CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

[China Mail Special.]
SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.
A Shanghai residents meeting has
been arranged for December 17 to
discuss ways and means of helping
the Russian refugees stranded in
Shanghai. An international com-
mittee will probably result.

THE BOYCOTT.

[China Mail Special.]
SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.
The students on Monday paraded
in the Chinese city with effigies
representing the chairmen of the
Shanghai and Nantao Chambers of
Commerce. They were insulting
inscriptions. The boycott is hitting
Japanese river shipping very seriously.

LONG DISTANCE AVIATION.

[China Mail Special.]
SINGAPORE, Dec. 9.
Capt. Ross Smith left Soerabaya
yesterday for Bima. Thence he flies
direct to Australia.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the Wah Tai
Yai Po.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.
The Peking Chamber of Commerce
is taking stock of Japanese goods
held, with a view to pushing the
boycott.

All the tuchuns have wired in
urging a strong front regarding the
Fochow outrage.
Nanking had a mass meeting on
December 8, which passed similar
resolutions to those at Peking.
They also had bonfires of Japanese
goods.

The idea is mooted that the
unentry being so united over the
Fochow affair, peace between North
and South should now be easily
made.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth
24d.

The North China Insurance
Company has removed to No. 3
Queen's Buildings.

To-day's return of communicable
disease shows two cases of diphtheria,
three of enteric (British) and one of
c. s. fever.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals
acknowledges with thanks the fol-
lowing donation to the funds of the
Hospitals—Mr. Ho Ngok Lau, \$25.

Inspector Earner, accompanied
by a party of detectives, raided two
fishing junks at Samshui on Mon-
day afternoon and seized 1,083
pounds of gun cotton. Two men
who were on the boat, were arrested.

Counsel occupied quite a fair
amount of the Shanghai Court's time
arguing over the mathematics of a
claim involving the computation of
interest, and eventually the Court
gave judgment for a certain sum.
"May I ask how the Court arrives at
that amount?" queried the advocate.
"Grey matter, Mr. —, sheer grey
matter," was the Assessor's response.

The Rev. Father O'Donnell, the
Australian chaplain, arrested in
Ireland on charges of having used
seditious language, spent only one
night in the Tower, where he was
taken after being brought to London,
and when the mail left it had not
yet been decided whether a court
martial would be held. The Aus-
tralian military authorities point out
that the Tower is a normal place of
confinement for officers under arrest
in London.

Mrs. Louisa Scott Harman, one
of the oldest American residents in
Japan, died on November 28 at
Yokohama at the age of 86. She
went out to Yokohama first in 1874
with her husband, a business man.
In 1879 she left Yokohama for Hong-
kong where she remained for 11
years, returning to Yokohama in
1890 and remaining there ever since.
She was the widow of Dudley Har-
man, a resident of Schenectady, who
died in Yokohama in 1891.

Describing the famous Trappist
colony in the Hokkaido, a writer in
the "Osaka Asahi" notes that it is
situated in the district of Kami-Iso,
and is conducted under rigid rules.
The Trappists rise every morning at
2 o'clock, and are engaged in their
devotions until six, when they break
their fast. At 7.30, again to prayer,
with the rise of the sun, they ally
forth to the fields where they engage
in tending their cattle, sheep, etc.
Politeness, perseverance, and courage
are the watchwords of this religious
industrial community. The Trappists
first settled there in 1896, and are
famous for their cheese and
butter, over a hundred thousand
pounds of which are produced yearly.
The colony includes Japanese priests,
and French, Dutch, Italian and
American Trappist monks are in
residence.

KOWLOON COMMENTS.

[BY THE KOWLOONIC.]

Messrs D. Nicoll and A. Davison
beat Messrs G. Gerrard and W. J.
Edwards in the semi-final of the
"Owen's Cup" on Sunday, three and
two. The winners now have to meet
Messrs A. O. Brown and G. H. May,
in the final.

Worshipful Brother A. E. W.
Davison was installed Master of
Lodge St. John, Kowloon, last even-
ing. Worshipful Brother A. K. Taylor,
I.P.M., officiating. A banquet was
held at the Hongkong Hotel after the
installation.

A snake, three feet long, was killed
on Nathan road, on Sunday. It was
described as being of a harmless
variety.

The enthusiasm for the game
some golfers have who are lucky
enough to be able to spend week-
ends at Fanning, is by no means
equalled by their politeness. When
the last train in, was about to leave on
Sunday evening, two Kowloon ladies
were told that there was no room.
On boarding the train however, they
found several seats taken up by golf
bags and one passenger's sporting
dog reclined on seating space suf-
ficient for two mere human beings.
The owners of bags and dog had to
be asked before they condescended to
make room for the ladies.

Another example of the need for a
public hall in Kowloon was provided
at the Kowloon British School
"social" at St. Andrew's Church
Hall, last week. The pleasure of the
function was greatly marred by lack
of room.

Mr. W. L. Weaver showed that he
has by no means lost his prowess as a
batman, in the match between
K.C.C. 2nd XI and Civil Service 2nd
XI, on Saturday. He had not been
in the field since January 1917, but
he showed him good enough for the
first XI.

Meg and Max are still going strong.

We understand that in view of the
terrible catastrophes that are to occur
on December 17, anticipating a stop-
page of the ferries, a large number of
Kowloonites have booked rooms on
the Hongkong side for the night of
the 15-17 so as to ensure being at
work next day.

Nearly all Kowloon is against the
building of a hotel by the Govern-
ment as a means of solving the house-
ing difficulty. The matter was discussed
at the meeting of the Kowloon Residents'
Association.

In the meantime, it is to be hoped
that the Government will not commit
itself irrevocably to the scheme.

Within the narrow confines of three
adjoining back yards, in Kowloon
there are four ducks, three turkeys,
a goose, fifteen chickens, seven cats,
two dogs, a monkey and a tortoise.

Will accommodation be found for
such pets in the Hotel?

The annual meeting of the K.C.C.
Golf Section, will be held on January
7, 1920.

The King's Park range was kept
busy all Saturday afternoon by
practice for the forthcoming Hong-
kong Rifle League Competitions. We
understand that several competitors
are complaining of the bad ammuni-
tion supplied.

The dance to be given by the Staff
of the Hongkong and Whampoa
Dock Company next Tuesday fortnight
promises to be a most successful
function. "Jock," with his usual
hospitality, is spreading invitations
broadcast and all Kowloon will be
there.

A "vignette" of Kowloon.—He
came "over the top," one morning,
quite unexpectedly. He did not
see me at first and I remained quite
still. I wanted to see what he would
do. He advanced a few paces,
stopped, looked sharply and nervously
to right and left as if searching for
something, hurriedly, and evidently
wanted to get away as soon as
possible. He looked hungry, so I
very slowly and cautiously extended
my hand to a crust of bread—the
remains of my early morning meal.
He was too quick for me, however,
for he spotted my movement and
hastily retired some distance then
stood eying me, doubtfully. He
must have been very hungry
for he knew he was taking great
risks. I threw the crust
towards him and he turned and bolted
out of sight. I somehow felt that he
would come back so I continued in
my tactics of silliness. I was right,
for presently he again appeared, and
after a moment's hesitation, cau-
tiously advanced to the crust in short
spasmodic runs. He was still very
nervous but hunger evidently pre-
dominated over fear. Finally he
made one last dash, secured the bread
and bolted like the wind. He came
again the next morning and the next
and the same process was repeated,
until at last he gained confidence and
now he comes over the top of my
verandah for that crust of bread
every morning—does that little
Kowloon sparrow.

REVIEW.

Outlines of Chinese Art, by John C.
Ferguson. University of Chicago
Press: Chicago, Ill. 263 + XI
p.p. \$3.

Lectures do not always make a
book, but these do, thanks to super-
fine printing and numerous photo-
graphs. These were the Scammon
lectures for 1918, and we are
wondering how the students managed
to remember the wealth of Chinese
names and words employed. We
are even wondering how they
managed to get any coherent impres-
sion of Chinese Art as a whole, for the
lecturer was fearfully "trudite." We
get the impression that he was more
enthusiastic than critical. In his in-
troduction he tells us we must judge
Chinese art by Chinese standards.
"The explorer in this new world...
must not carry the ready-made com-
pass perfected by his own country-
men, for the divergent currents of
wind and water will so distort its
guiding needle that it will prove
useless to him." Any compass
affected by wind and water
would be useless, which perhaps
explains why on page 5 we are
told that even the personality of the
artist is entirely subservient to
national ideals, while on page 26
we learn that each reproduction
shows the individuality of the
worker. Seriously, we rather object
to the habit, common to many
writers on Oriental art, of pulling the
legs of those who know nothing about
it. A bronze vase with an automa-
tically evolved design is described as
carrying an ogle, (*ao-tieh*) warn-
ing the beholder against greed and
gluttony." Symbol loving Chinese
may have offered such an explana-
tion *post facto*, but it is certain that
no such design was in the mind of
the originator as a "motive." A
certain boss faintly suggesting a
nose called for eyes on each side of
it, much as the circle of the sun
drawn by young artists impels
the features of a face. In
Chinese art what Mr. Ferguson
prefers to call "the continuity of the
art spirit," we prefer to call conven-
tionalism, and the "stabilizing of art
motives" means nothing more. Art
may be described as decadent (a
matter of taste and standard) but the
prime motive is like eating and
breathing, eternal. Another thing
the lecturer overlooked is that
the collectors, even the Chinese,
are more interested in age and rarity
than in intrinsic beauty. One of the
imperial catalogues (*Hsi ch'ing ku*)
is specifically concerned with
antiquity rather than with art. This
veneration for ancient things and
ancient ways has controlled Chinese
aesthetics, and must be remembered
in any really intelligent apprecia-
tion. Art is, after all, a universal
thing, and certain universal qualities
must be looked for and insisted upon,
quite apart from national idiosyn-
crasies. There is cant among
Chinese experts and connoisseurs as
well as among ours, and we observe
suggestions of it in the lecture on
jade objects. Leaving bronzes and
jades and ceramics and calligraphy
to come to pictures and paint-
ing, about which we happen
to be better informed, we
find ourselves able to agree with
much that the author says. Things
have been said by other writers about
Chinese painting, especially perspec-
tive, which were quite unjust. How-
ever, here again Mr. Ferguson is too
rhapsodical. As an example there is
his long account of the genesis and
character of the wellknown tiger
picture of the Sung dynasty. The
account of the way it was
done is interesting enough. The
description of it as a thing accom-
plished is ridiculous, when the picture
itself is reproduced for reference.
"The tiger is seen as about to spring
on his prey." He isn't. He is seen
just waking from a nap, only the
front end having got up, the rest
being still in bed. "His eyes are
keen." They are much too large;
they goggle. "Every muscle is
tense." Not so. As already re-
marked, the rear half of the
animal is flaccid. "His tail
stretches sinuously beside his body in
such a way as to insure the greatest
assistance at the moment of use."
Use for what? For springing? It
is evident Mr. Ferguson has never
seen a tiger springing or crouch-
ing for the spring. The tail
would not then be "beside his
body" but behind it; and we
may add that it wouldn't be a mile
too long. We recommend the lecturer
to read Mark Twain's amusing
comments in "Innocents Abroad,"
on those who gush about the Old
Masters. He has their faults.
Nevertheless, the book contains a
wealth of interesting information,
and deserves a place on the shelf (as
a corrective) beside Prof. Giles'
"Introduction to Chinese Pictorial
Art." The price post free is \$3.20,
which is much cheaper than we
usually get such handsome books for
out here. [Review by T. W.]

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SANITARY BOARD.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST YELLOW FEVER.

At the Sanitary Board meeting
yesterday, Dr. Pearce, the Medical
Officer of Health, moved that yellow
fever be included in the list of noti-
fiable diseases. He stated that his
object was to make the Hongkong
schedule more complete so that people
who received from the Sanitary Board
weekly or monthly reports of the
number of cases of notifiable diseases
might feel more assured than they did
at present. Although yellow fever
did not occur in this Colony, it must
be borne in mind that the possibility
of it occurring existed and should the
disease be accidentally imported into
the Colony, precautions should be
taken that it could be notified early.
Yellow fever was a disease with a high
mortality rate and it was extremely
important that the Sanitary Board
should get early information of its
outbreak or of its importation into the
Colony. He was not anxious to create
alarm on the subject, it was merely
a precautionary and preventive mea-
sure. It was not anticipated that yel-
low fever was going to be imported
into the Colony, but it must be borne
in mind that it might be and that they
had here the particular mosquito which
carried the disease from one person
to another.

Dr. Koch said he strongly seconded
the remarks of the Medical Officer of
Health. There was no need for fear,
but considering the frequent com-
munication between here and America,
and particularly the Panama Canal
zone, which at one time was a hotbed
of yellow fever and stopped the con-
struction of the canal until the sanitary
authorities of America had cleansed
the area, he considered it a very wise
precaution. Although the disease
had been subdued to a very large ex-
tent, there was the possibility of a
stray case or two, coming into the
Colony from that region and it was
important that a disease of such viru-
lence should be immediately com-
municated to the local authorities in
order that steps might be taken to
check it.

The motion was carried unanimo-
usly.
The remainder of the business was
formal.

POLICE PAY.

The determination on the part of
the new recruits to the local Police
Force to resign if their remuneration
is not increased, appears to have
brought the Government to its senses.
As stated in the China Mail last week,
the men were given up to Saturday
last to decide whether they would
return home or remain in the ser-
vice at the original rate of pay and
we now learn that 26 men signified
their intention of resigning. To-day,
however, it is stated on reliable
authority that so far, no steps have
been taken with regard to the decision
of the men and that there is every
reason to believe the Government has
decided to reconsider the matter.
Official information is refused, but
we are of the opinion that if the
Government does the right thing, the
general public will regain a confidence
which has undoubtedly been shaken
by the original attitude and the point
blank refusal to consider the matter.
There is the point to be considered
that if these 26 men return home
they will not hesitate to make it known
why they have resigned and in that
case, it appears the Hongkong Govern-
ment would have to face a serious
difficulty in getting other men to en-
list in the service and would have to
increase the remuneration in any case.

A SHIPLOAD FROM SEATTLE.

Carrying one of the largest lumber
cargoes ever dispatched from Seattle,
the steamship "West Ira" is en route
from Seattle for the Orient.

The "West Ira" loaded 4,500,000
feet of lumber, which will be delivered
to Shanghai. Another lumber
cargo was dispatched recently on the
wooden steamship "Gray Cloud,"
which is carrying 1,500,000 feet of
lumber to the Pennsylvania railroad at
Philadelphia.

The steamship "West Segovia" will
return to Seattle after a voyage from
the Columbia river to the Orient on
December 1. The "West Segovia"
sailed from Shanghai for Kioochow,
China, on October 26.

Douglas fir from Western Wash-
ington is now playing an important
part in reconstructing the devastated
lands of Belgium.

This was indicated when the motor-
ship "Margaret" arrived in Seattle's
harbour preparatory to sailing from
Antwerp, Belgium, with 1,470,000
feet of lumber. Cargo shipments
now being booked reflect an increas-
ing demand for Douglas fir lumber in
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ing to Seattle lumber experts. Local
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two months to Japan, Argentina,
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MALAYAN MATCH INDUSTRY.

PROPOSED IMPORT DUTY IN THE F.M.S.

In moving in the Federal Council on Nov. 25 that this Council resolves that, with a view to encouraging the establishment of a match-making industry in the F.M.S., it is expedient that an import duty be imposed on matches imported into the F.M.S. during a period of five years, the Chief Secretary said this resolution was brought forward in consequence of a promise given by His Excellency's predecessor, Sir Arthur Young, when a syndicate of gentlemen interested in the industry approached him. These gentlemen proposed to establish a match factory in this country, and they asked that in order to ensure the success of such an industry there should be, at the start at any rate, a tax on all imported matches. Ten years was the period suggested, but Sir Arthur Young thought five years, and promised that it should receive the consideration of the Council. What the syndicate particularly laid stress upon was that they had to purchase machinery at war prices, whilst similar industries were manufacturing with machinery purchased at pre-war prices. "It was simply protection, and he moved the resolution to ascertain the general feeling in the matter."

Mr. Harvey asked that the resolution be amended by the addition of the words "at the present rate" after the words "import duty." The present rate was \$60 a case.

Mr. Clode seconded the resolution. His Excellency accepted Mr. Harvey's amendment.

Mr. MacLayden thought it was a policy that the Council ought to enter upon only with a great deal of circumspection. Cheap matches were not necessities, but they were the poor man's luxuries and he would be sorry to see them remain at the high price that they were to-day, still more so to see them higher. On the other hand he considered the industry one which might be successfully established here and the promoters were men who had shown, in connection with the coalfield, that they deserved to be supported. Therefore, he was prepared to offer his support to the resolution. But, being entirely ignorant of the manufacture of matches, he was not prepared to support the imposition of any fixed amount at the present moment. He had supported the imposition of the existing rate to assist the Empire in the prosecution of the war, but was not prepared to support the same rate for the benefit of individuals. Therefore, he thought it would be sufficient to support the Chief Secretary's resolution as proposed without the amendment, and to leave it to further investigation to see if \$60 or \$40 a case would be a suitable amount.

Mr. Brash asked if this resolution would bar the importation of British-made matches.

His Excellency replied that they would have to pay the duty.

The resolution was agreed to as amended.

WOMEN CLERGY.

EQUALITY WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

Miss Maude Royden was the chief speaker on the subject of women and the priesthood at a largely attended meeting called by the League of the Church Militant.

After expressing intense disappointment with the archbishops for not enabling the committee appointed to research into the position of women in the Church to make recommendations, and describing that committee's report as really antiquarian, Miss Royden said that Christ's teaching contained nothing special to women. All His teaching was addressed profoundly to the human spirit, recognising neither class nor sex. It might be said that everybody admitted that women were on a spiritual equality with men, but it had been added that this spiritual equality was perfectly compatible with a certain condition of subordination, that, in fact, men were made for God and woman for man. But to affirm that spiritual equality of men and women and then to exclude women from spiritual offices was not a principle of order but of disorder. Professing to accept a principle and not applying it was really not accepting it. As principles were perceived they should be embodied in our outward life and organisation.

The priesthood was above all a spiritual office. The vocation of the priesthood was a spiritual gift. If women and men were spiritually equal the Church would not be able in the end to refuse the demand for that principle to be embodied in its organisation. The unrest among the working classes was due more to their present status in society than to questions of wages and hours. In the same way women resented deeply the attitude of society against them.

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PHASES OF THE SILVER QUESTION.

AN AMERICAN SILVER EXPORT ASSOCIATION.

Silver producers in the United States have been discussing the advantages of forming a silver export association, under the Webb-Pomeroy Act, permitting the combination of producers and manufacturers in export trade. Senator Pittman, author of the war Act fixing the minimum price of silver in the United States at \$1.01 an ounce, is a strong advocate of such a plan, and he is reported to have expressed his belief that within a week of the formation of the proposed combination the price of silver will go to \$1.25 an ounce. On Wednesday it was \$1.19. In a recent interview the Senator said:—

The Government have melted down 300,000,000 silver dollars, which it has agreed to replace with American silver at \$1 an ounce. I do not believe the Government will ever have an opportunity to buy silver to replace those dollars at the figure set, and I doubt that the Treasury Department, if it should want to replace that \$300,000,000, would ever take that much silver out of circulation when not only the foreign countries but the United States itself requires so much silver coinage. Silver supplies are short. The production in the United States will be about the same this year as last. The nations of the world require much far beyond the supply. The production of gold is not up to the increased demand, and silver must share in rebuilding the world. The United States is trying to retain her gold reserve by paying off adverse trade balances in silver, and the future for silver is assured.

GOLD DOWN—SILVER UP.

The current issue of *The World's Work* contains a long article, by Fredk. A. Talbot, on the silver position in the course of which he writes:—

Silver is the metal of fortune. Fifty years ago it disputed with gold the right to recognition as the standard currency. Then Germany, intoxicated with success at arms, in conquest, and the harvesting of indemnities, plumped for gold as the royal metal. The effect of this startling decision sent the value of silver tumbling. The silver situation was aggravated from the tendency throughout the world to adopt the gold standard. One or two countries declined to go the whole way. Thus China declined to be embraced in the new movement, but then China, in the eyes of the civilised world, was regarded as a poor nation. In India the white metal retained the high appreciation it has always held. War brought the degradation of silver; war has likewise brought about its apotheosis. To-day the world is being ransacked from pole to pole for fresh silver supplies which are not forthcoming. The demand from the East has forced up the price to such a level as to render the English shilling a commercial product. Meantime gold has declined steadily in value. This retrogression is not due to the fact that the yellow metal has fallen in public estimation, but its price being fixed by law in this country, it has ceased to be regarded with the trading importance which it was formerly invested. The actual market value of gold has not moved by a single penny. It is arbitrarily fixed.

Why has it become necessary to hunt the world for silver? Various causes have exercised an influence upon the situation. In the first place the practice among the Allies to pay the fighting men in silver naturally resulted in a huge demand, the disbursements under this heading being extremely heavy. This pressure happened to coincide with a steadily falling output, due to the withdrawal of labour for the fighting forces. Then the Chinese and Indian markets commenced to embark upon huge purchases. Both in India and China gold is regarded essentially as a commodity, whereas silver is the necessity, thereby completely reversing the situation as applied to the rest of the world. The result is that the world has to continue to exert itself wringing silver from the soil to feed the myriads of Eastern hordes.

WRONG METHOD OF INDIA OFFICE.

Presiding at a rubber shareholder's meeting, Mr. F. A. Govett said:—

The method adopted by the India Office to me appears all wrong. The par value of the rupee is 1s. 4d., and the India Government goes on buying silver at steadily increasing prices, and instead of trying to relieve the position of silver by pouring in gold, which the creditor nations at times almost refuse to take, as they have too much, they offer a wholly insufficient premium for gold as compared with silver. The gold embargo in India was placed in order to prevent the hoarding of gold. Now it is of vital necessity that hoarding of silver should cease and that the price of silver should fall back. There is no longer now the same, or any, objection to the hoarding of gold, and it seems to me that the obvious course is to slip into India all the gold that can be raised. The result of that should be an arrest in the rise, and later a steady fall in the exchange value of the silver currency, the rupee. Without the embargo gold would have, at any rate, done something to lessen the demand for silver, and one factor in the situation would at least be mitigated, if not settled—that is to say, the hoarding of silver.

MOTION FOR APPEAL.

Sitting in Full Court this morning, their Lordships, the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C., and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, heard a motion filed by Toong Yue, a ship owner of Shanghai, asking that the arbitration proceedings in connection with a case with the Castlefield Steamship Company be stayed pending an appeal.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, appeared for the plaintiff and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. H. Crew, represented the defendant.

The facts of the case are that judgment was given on August 25 last in favour of the Castlefield Steamship Company of Hongkong for damages against Toong Yue, a shipowner of Shanghai, in connection with an action brought on a charter party. The Court referred the amount of damages to arbitration. The defendant had since filed a notice of appeal which is due to be heard on January 6 and this morning the defendant moved for the stay of the arbitration proceedings until after the appeal had been heard.

The plaintiff's case is asking for security for costs as defendant resides outside the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. Pollock intimated that he had a preliminary objection to take to the motion for security for costs, which, he contended, should never have been filed. He explained the position of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings in the matter. Their legal principals, Messrs. Hansen and McNeill, in Shanghai were instructed by the defendant and they could do nothing here, except purely formal or trivial matters, without instructions from their principals. When Messrs. Hastings and Hastings were informed of this motion for security they wrote to the other side and put the whole position before them saying they could not commit the defendant to anything. They only got one day's notice of the motion.

Order for security of costs was made and the question of costs on the motion for stay was reserved. The motion for stay of arbitration proceedings was adjourned until to-morrow.

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

The British Consul at Nanking reports in the *Board of Trade Journal* that the Lunghai Railway will shortly reach Skenchow. In Honan, where it will up a portion of the Yellow River, which is navigable as far as Yumen-kow, and also the Wei River to Sian-fa. This, it is expected, will increase the volume of goods flowing into the Hienstin-Pukow line, and the engineer-in-chief of the former railway has been visiting Nanking to see what can be done to relieve the congestion on the Pukow Railway, which, in turn, is causing a blockage on the Lunghai line. It was explained to him that the congestion was not caused by any lack of shipping, but by the monopoly in the carriage of goods exercised by the transport companies, who insist that cargo coming down by the Hienstin-Pukow line shall go forward to Shanghai by railway and not by the river. The Shanghai-Nanking Railway is apparently quite unable, in addition to its own local trade, to act as the sole outlet for the stream of traffic coming down from the North. Goods are piling up in the godowns at Pukow and at other places along the line, whilst steamers are clearing from the port with hundreds of tons of vacant space.

The situation will, of course, become much aggravated by the construction of the Pukow-Sinyang Railway, which will form another tributary to the main stream. With the completion of that and other lines on the south bank of the Yangtze, Pukow must eventually become a port for ocean-going steamers, rivaling in importance Hankow and, possibly, Shanghai. Its progress is for the present, however, entirely blocked.

So far as we are concerned in the East, surely there must be some remedy for the hoarding, and it may perhaps be not impossible to convince the native that Government paper rupees are at least as good as silver currency, if not to hoard, but at present he insists on hoarding gold. The basic cause of this hoarding really seems to be that the old conception of the rupee as a measure of a weight of silver, silver being the real currency of the native, has outlasted all these years of fixed exchange at 1s. 4d. The explanation of this fixed exchange having been successful for so long, thirty years or more, is that throughout this period the value of silver in the rupee was less than 1s. 4d., but with rising values, and directly the silver in the rupee was worth more than 1s. 4d., the hoarding at once began, and it looks as if the silver rupee might go out of circulation. When we may get free from this fearful penalty of the silver complication of the problem of the exchanges it is not possible to say; therefore we must face the position and do the best we can.

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A NEW ANIMAL.

Here is the latest story of the Zoo: A little girl, who had spent her first day at the Zoo, was asked by her mother which animals she liked best. She replied:—

"Oh, the dangerous, mother."

"You mean the kangaroos, darling."

"No, I don't—I mean the dangerous."

And then it dawned on the mother that the little one had preferred the cages labelled "Dangerous."

Barnum once emptied his crowded circus, outside of which several hundreds were waiting for admission, by the adroit expedient of putting up a board with these alluring words:—

"This way to the Great Egress!"

And the crowd who went in search of this mythical monster soon found themselves out on the street.

CHINESE BANK IN U.S.A.

The early establishment of the American Industrial Bank of China at New York with branches in Seattle, Vancouver, Montreal, and San Francisco, was announced by Hsu Yin Yuen, privy counsellor of the Chinese cabinet and formerly president of the Bank of China on the eve of his departure from America for Peking. The bank will be capitalized at \$10,000,000 and share holders will include both Americans and Chinese.

The prime object of the bank will be to improve trade relations and expedite business transactions between China and the United States. China requires many lines of manufactured goods from America and in return can export large quantities of raw materials to the United States and Canada. An era of industrial development awaits China, Mr. Yuen said, needing railways and American capitals and enterprise to institute it.

Accompanying Mr. Hsu Yuen to China are G. L. Stone, head of the banking firm of Hayden and Stone of Boston; Albert H. Wiggen, chairman of the board of directors of the Chase National Bank of New York and E. B. Bruce, president of the Pacific Development Company. They will study financial, economic and industrial conditions and arrange a system of credit between China and America.

The Chinese government is contemplating the construction of 20,000 miles of railroads and is also planning on repairing roads and canals throughout the empire, the distinguished financier said. China's resources are ample protection for loans to develop the country. She has a thousand billion tons of iron alone and more than that quantity of coal.

EFFECTS OF LARGE EXPLOSIONS.

At the recent meeting of the British Association at Bournemouth, professor Turner referred to the study, by the late Boris Galitzin, of the records of the explosion which occurred at Okhta, 8 miles north-east of Petrograd, on April 19, 1915. The shock was recorded both at Petrograd and at Pavlosk, and there were simultaneous barograph records indicating only a small change in air pressure, however, of 0.3 mm. As regards this feature Galitzin had pointed out that barographs, placed as usually in sheltered buildings for routine work, were not suitably mounted for recording sudden shocks. The chief point was, however, that the origin of the earth-quake wave was not distinct on the three records (N.S. and E.W. components, vertical component), whilst a second shock 70 seconds later was very distinct. Galitzin first thought of two explosions; but there was only one, and the closer study of the curves convinced Galitzin that the second violent disturbance was due to the air wave (a rarefaction wave, it proved to be) striking and shaking the hill on which the observatory stands, in spite of the fact already mentioned that the air pressure did not vary much. The curves which Professor Turner exhibited showed first the slight microseismic tremor, then the earthquake waves on which the tremor was superposed (the microseismic tremor, however, soon becoming less marked, however), and afterwards the second, far more violent shock ascribed to the air-wave. Such an effect, Professor Turner added, had also been observed by Mr. J. J. Shaw. On the curves which Mr. Shaw subsequently showed, the microseisms and the other features mentioned could be plainly distinguished. Mr. Shaw had taken these observations in a dug-out of his own near his house in West Bromwich, and he had made other experiments with two apparatus mounted 70 ft. apart, and later with a base of 2 miles; if a base of, say, 10 miles were available, he said, there should be a sufficient interval between the air-wave effects to settle that question. We may perhaps add that in the terrible Halifax explosion of 1917 the seismographs also suggested three explosions when there was probably only one, but the two additional shocks were hardly air-wave effects.

MY WEDDING DAY.

Though I am not, so far, even engaged to be married, I arrange my wedding, frequently, says a bride-to-be in the *Daily Mail*.

It is a way girls have.

We like to think that when our turn comes we will avoid the mistakes made by others at theirs. We look out for those mistakes, and say, "At my wedding I won't have this and that and the other, cataloguing the items that have not pleased us at our friends' marriages, and "I will have this and that and so forth."

Already I have been present at September weddings that have not been above criticism in some details but in others have merited praise.

For example, I am quite determined not to be followed by nursery children at my nuptials. Either they water one's train with their tears or they turn tail and depart long before their duties are done, or they insist upon being accompanied by some such pet as a Teddy Bear or doll.

Anyway, they are apt to be nuisances and to detract from the interest which should focus on the bride.

I shall choose, therefore, the old-fashioned retinue of girl friends.

On the other hand, I am full of admiration for the ante-luncheon wedding, revived by the royal bride. It used to flourish, I am told, in the days when marriages had to be solemnized before noon in order to be legal, but was spelt by the dreary speechifying that followed the feast of good things.

Give me a morning fixture for my wedding, then a "breakfast" shorn of speeches, and then a dance quite in the time honoured manner of very ancient days and recently revived, with me and my bridegroom slipping out after a while to take our flight towards the honeymoon.

I am determined to fly, literally, after my wedding, but not, of course, alone.

With respect to my wedding dress, it shall have a tremendously long train. Several of my girl friends, who were married early this year ordered trains on the chance of evening Courts being revived at Buckingham Palace. And, though royal garden parties supervened, they found the trains immensely useful, capable of making almost a second gown. One must be practical as well as far seeing in these days, for, unfortunately, parents are apt to be a little parsimonious as to trousseau expenses.

I am going to take a very firm line concerning my wedding presents. Foolish fripperies, such as my pre-war married sister still keeps stuffed in a cupboard unused, I cannot accept.

What I shall indicate when I make my list of "wants" will be such expensive necessities as kitchen chairs, pots and pans for cooking, and household linen; for I know my parents will gladly waive the old prerogatives, long in a wobbly condition, of stocking the bride's dowrychest with the latter.

Of cheques I cannot conscientiously approve. They are a modern method of shirking responsibility, and too often painfully inadequate to the demands of the recipient.

Because the hastily arranged weddings of wartime fostered forgetfulness upon the part of those who might have sent presents and did not, I shall, in consideration of the hardness of the times, revert to the old practice of sending out my invitations a month before the wedding. They will be proper invitations too, printed in silver upon rough-edged paper, not a mere "All friends will be welcome at the church" kind of wholesale bidding, but a befitting inauguration of an ideal wedding day.

CHEAP RAIL TRAVELLING.

A railway from Aden, the principal port in Arabia, to Lahel, the capital of the Abdali tribe in south western Arabia, has recently been opened, states the American Commerce Reports. The road is about 30 miles in length, and is the development of a short military line built from Aden to Sheikh Othman in 1915 to supply British forces operating from the latter place against the Turks. The railroad was built by the Royal Engineers of the British Army, and the first few miles were built under shell fire from the Turks. At the present time one train a day each way is operated, and these trains are well patronised. The passenger rates are approximately 3 cents a mile for first class, 1 1/2 cents for second class, and 1 cent for third class. Freight rates on coffee and skins average about 4 cents per ton mile, whereas they average 20 cents per ton mile by camel caravan to Aden.

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We were, he added, faced with a dual responsibility—the development of the material resources and the backward races.

The verdict of history would award a high prize to the achievements of Great Britain. He believed that under no other rule, whether by an uncontrolled potentate or any alien, would the natives enjoy such a measure of freedom, impartial justice, or more sympathetic treatment than they had received from the British Empire.

Lieut. Colonel Sir Francis Young, husband who presided, said the personality of the Englishman in the matter was of the greatest value, and added that the educational advancement of Nigeria had been due to the personality of Sir Frederick Lugard himself.

P.C.'S. SONG IN COURT.

MELODY AS EVIDENCE AGAINST EX-SOLDIERS.

A policeman was called upon to sing at Tottenham Police Court recently.

Three ex-soldiers had been heard singing a song known as "Made-moiselle from Armentieres," and were, consequently, charged with using insulting words. But Mr. Green, one of the magistrates, said he did not know the refrain, whereupon one of the men suggested that the constable should sing it.

This the officer stoutly refused to do, but on being pressed by the magistrate and prisoners alike, gave the soldier's parody in subdued tones. The words "Armentieres" and "Rhine" were the only ones audible, and one of the accused men observed that the two places were many miles apart.

But, having heard the song, the magistrate was satisfied, and telling the man that he was not in court to listen to geography, imposed fines of 20s.

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THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:

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General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.

The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

DONG TOY, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Sept. 15, 1919.

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HEAD OFFICE:

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Domestic and Foreign Banking.

Service Prompt.

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Inquiry to our SPECIAL SERVICE will be welcomed.

J. CHANG LY, Manager.

Hongkong, July 7, 1919.

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Loans on Mortgage of House Property, etc.

Loans made on Merchandise.

Loans made on Government Securities.

Loans made on other securities.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL - \$11,000,000

RESERVE FUND - \$11,000,000

PROFITS - \$11,000,000

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 Months 3% per annum.

For 6 Months 4% per annum.

For 12 Months 5% per annum.

LOOK POONG SHAN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 10, 1919.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:

No. 2 Queen's Road Central.

PAID-UP CAPITAL - \$5,000,000.

RESERVE FUND - \$5,000,000.

PROFITS - \$5,000,000.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 Months 3% per annum.

For 6 Months 4% per annum.

For 12 Months 5% per annum.

LOOK POONG SHAN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Specially authorized in China by Provisional Mandate of 1912 November 1917).

Authorized Capital - \$10,000,000.

Paid-up Capital - \$10,000,000.

Reserve Funds - \$10,000,000.

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